(*b*) Yes. steps are being taken to bring these lands under the plough by disposing them of under ordinary darkhast rules, Grow More Food Scheme and on Co-operative Farming basis.

Concessions in the form of remission of assessment, supply of seeds and manure at cost price, tractor service, subsidy for sinking irrigation wells, liberal grants of Takavi and Land Improvement Loans, etc., are being granted to the raiyats to encourage them to take up the lands and cultivate.

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**Supply of agricultural implements to the raiyats.**

*Q.—133. Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Chitaldrug District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of licensed iron dealers in the State;

(*b*) the quantity of agricultural implements received by each of them last year, *i.e.*, from 1st January 1949 up to 31st December 1949;

(*c*) whether they are aware of the extreme hardships endured by the agriculturists due to complete stoppage of supply of agricultural implements;

(*d*) why they did not commandeer the stocks available with the licensed dealers and supply the necessary implements to the raiyats;

(*e*) the steps they have taken to relieve the situation and to secure an adequate quantity of agricultural implements?

*A.—Sri T. MARIAPPA (Home Minister).—

(*a*) 78.

(*b*) The Government of India allot special steel quota for agricultural purposes. This agricultural quota is operated on by the Commissioner of Food Production and is not distributed through licensed dealers appointed for non-agricultural quota of iron and steel. The question as to the quantity of agricultural implements received by these dealers does not therefore arise.

(*c*) *Vide* answer to (*b*).

(*d*) In view of answer to (*b*) the question of commandeering the stocks does not arise.

(*e*) After prolonged correspondence with the Government of India, satisfactory arrangements have been made for the procurement and supply of iron and steel implements to the agriculturists.

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**Tractors, their cost and acres ploughed.**

*Q.—134. Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Chitaldrug District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the total number of tractors in the State;

(*b*) the number that are in use;

(*c*) the total cost of all the tractors;

(*d*) the ploughing capacity of all the tractors per month;

(*e*) the total area ploughed from 1-1-1949 to 31-12-1949?

*A.—Sri T. MARIAPPA (Home Minister).—

(*a*) 149.

(*b*) 115.

(*c*) Rs. 17,17,500.

(*d*) 11,920 acres for all tractors at 80 acres per tractor per month.

(*e*) 29,809 acres.

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**Quota of agricultural implements fixed for the State.**

*Q.—136. Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Chitaldrug District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the quota of agricultural implements fixed for the State by the Union Government;

(*b*) the steps that have been taken to ensure adequate and timely supply of the requisite quantity of the same?

*A.—Sri T. MARIAPPA (Home Minister).—

(*a*) Quota fixed for the year 1949 ... 1,299 tons.
Quota fixed for the year 1950 ... 3,750 tons.